Uttar Pradesh	19 84 %
Chhattisgarh	46.11%

(c) Government of Orissa has been asked to formulate an action-plan for completing rural household electrification.

Coverage of primary schools under RGNDWM

*339. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM) has been created to solve the drinking water problem;

(b) if so, whether the drinking water supply in all primary schools would also be covered under the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission; and

(c) if not, which scheme will look after the problems of non-availability of drinking water in several primary schools in the country?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Various programmes of Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM) and the Department of Elementary Education & Literacy, under the Ministry of Human Resource Development aim at covering all rural schools with drinking water supply.

Measures for promotion of sports and sports infrastructure

*340. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken certain measures for the promotion of sports and improvement of sports infrastructure in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the high proportion of wasteful expenditure in the name of sports promotion;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to curb this trend;

(e) whether it is proposed to hold a meeting of the Sports Ministers of all the States to discuss the strategies to be adopted for betterment of sports and our sportspersons; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-RESIDENT INDIANS AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Government of India have taken following measures for the promotion of sports and improvement of sports infrastructure in the country:

Under the Ministry's Schemes of (i) Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure; (ii) Grants of Rural Schools for purchase of sports equipment & development of playfield; (iii) Grants for Promotion of Sports in Universities & Colleges; and (iv) Grants for Installation of Synthetic Playing Surfaces, central assistance is provided to the State Governments, NGOs, Municipalities, Sports Associations/Federations, Schools, Colleges & Universities etc. for creation of various sports facilities for promotion of sports in the country.

2. In addition to providing sports infrastructure, Government has taken following steps to improve the performance of Sportspersons:

(i) Finalization of Long Term Development Plans (LTDP) for various sports disciplines in consultation with the concerned National Sports Federations, former international sportspersons, sports scientists and experts. Plans are under implementation.

(ii) Provision of equipment and scientific support to sportspersons.

(iii) Intensive coaching of the players by Indian and foreign coaches in coaching camps.

(iv) Financial assistance to concerned federations for participation of sportspersons in international tournaments.

(v) Intensive training abroad to the teams.

(vi) Assistance for purchase of equipment, scientific support and training and participation within the country and abroad under the 'Scheme relating to Talent Search and Training' and the 'National Sports Development Fund'

3. The Government is also implementing 'Scheme Relating to Awards'. The following awards/incentives are being given to promote development of sports and sportspersons:

(i) Scheme Relating to Awards

a. Special Awards to Winners in International Sports Events and Their Coaches

b. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award

c. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy

(ii) Dronacharya Award

(iii) Arjuna Award

(iv) Dhyan Chand Award

(v) Incentives for Promotion of Sports Activities

4. Besides above, the Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous body of the Ministry, is also implementing the schemes of (i) National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC); (ii) Army Boys Sports Companies (ABSC), (iii) SAI training Centres (STC), (iv) Special Area Games (SAG) and (v) Centre of Excellence (CoX) directly for promotion of sports in the country.

(c) and (d) No report about wasteful expenditure has come to the notice of the Government.

(e) and (f) There is a proposal for holding of the meeting of State Sports Ministers in the current financial year.